[President.]

So, all things being propitious, it is possible that the elections may start during next January or February. What I expect is, if everything is favourable and everything is done according to programme, the next Budget, that is, the 1947 Budget, will be dealt with under the new Constitution. It is not likely that it can be earlier than that. So honourable members may frame their programme on that basis.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. H. C. Papworth (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Travancore*) took the oath and signed the rolls.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

Amelioration of the backward classes.

1. **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** This Council recommends to Government that the Government activities for the amelioration of the backward classes be increased on the basis of a five-year plan and a separate Government Department be organised under a full time Protector of Backward classes, assisted by an Advisory Board representing all the interests concerned.

Advisory Committee.

2. **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** This Council recommends to Government that Advisory Committees be appointed for the Departments of Police, Excise, Medical, Industries, Co-operative, Agriculture, and Education.

Incomplete P. W. D. Works.

3. **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** This Council recommends to Government that all roads which the Government have begun more than ten years ago and spent a large amount on and left incomplete, shall be included in the Post-war reconstruction works so as to complete them in the shortest possible time.

President: Is it worth while moving at this juncture resolutions of the type, *viz.*, for the appointment of Advisory Committees on various subjects? Mr. Narayana Kurup has also come forward with such resolutions. Obviously, the committees that are appointed now will be completely modified in character very soon, and the question of representing all the interests concerned will come into vogue. As a matter of fact, the honourable members would have seen a recent resolution of the Government in the matter of having a very full committee for the backward communities and also the announcement that Rs. 3 lakhs per year will be

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